

Church of Scotland

NESS BANK

Sunday 24 August 2025
at 11.00 am



Minister - Rev Stuart Smith
Organist - Mr Ian Livingstone

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and intimations

Rev Stuart Smith

Call to Worship

(Congregation standing)

In our troubled hearts
ALL: LORD, STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH

In our changing times
ALL: LORD, FILL US WITH HOPE

For the needs around us
ALL: LORD, EQUIP US WITH YOUR LOVE

Hymn 715 *‘Behold! The mountain of the Lord (vs 1-4, 7)*

Opening Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn *‘I give thanks’*

*I give thanks to you my heavenly
Father
You’ve given me such good things
I give you all my thanks (x2)*

1. For seals and squids
And great blue whales
For slugs and spiders
And a bucket of snails
I give you thanks
For all that you’ve made
The wonders of creation
Everywhere displayed

2. Prunes and pizza,
Stir-fry, stew
Chocolate and jelly,
All come from you
You feed me, you clothe me
Watch over my sleep
‘Cause you are my shepherd
And I am your sheep

3. Father God,
In heaven above
You’re holy and just,
With amazing love
You’re merciful and kind
And you love to forgive
Being your child,
Is the only way to live.

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Reading Habakkuk 3 (OT p909) Julia MacDonald

Hymn 467 *‘All my days’*

Sermon *‘Waiting in Faith’*

Anthem *‘The Lord is my Light’* Timothy Noon

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Hymn 479 *‘View the present through the promise’*

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY WORSHIP

31 August 2025 at 11.00am

The service will be conducted by Rev Stuart Smith

There will be no tea/coffee after the service

INTIMATIONS FOR TODAY

Welcome We welcome everyone to our service this morning. A special welcome is extended to any visitors who may be worshipping with us. If you have moved to Inverness, we would be very pleased to have you worship with us regularly. Please make yourself known to one of the stewards on duty as you leave, or complete one of the cards situated at the end of the pews.

The Bible Please stand when the Church Officer brings the Bible into the sanctuary for the start of our worship together. Thank you.

Internet Access Please can you ensure that all mobile phones and other devices such as iPads are switched off completely before the service to avoid interference with the sound system. Thank you for your co-operation.

Livestreaming Services are routinely recorded on video and livestreamed. The front five pews in the main block could be in shot (normally the backs of heads only). Also anyone crossing the church in front of the communion table could be in view. If you wish to avoid being recorded, please speak to one of our welcome teams who will be happy to help you choose a seat out of camera shot.

Tea and coffee Everyone is invited for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

Shoebox wrapping Although we've wrapped the bulk of the shoeboxes in preparation of the Blythswood Shoebox appeal, there are still more to be wrapped. On **Monday 25 August** from 5pm-9pm, we will have another wrapping session. Pop in for an hour or so after work, or come after dinner, to help get the last of the boxes wrapped. Tea / coffee and a blether provided. (Bring a Sellotape dispenser along if you have one). We **DO NOT** need any more empty shoeboxes.

Messy Church . The next Messy Church for children and families will be on **Sunday 31 August** from 12.30-2.30pm, with the theme "*God Loves a Cheerful Giver*". Please invite those you know to join us. (There will be no tea and coffee after church next week).

Christmas Decorations for the halls Thank you for the donations of wallpaper and paint – we do not require any more. The 'artists' will be working from home over the next few months

Highland Foodbank The items requested for August are:

Tins of potatoes

Tins of mince/ravioli

Tins of ham

Tins of fruit

Tins of corned beef

Jars of pasta sauce

Deodorant/toothpaste

Bags for life, new or used

NESS BANK MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Kirk Session The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on **Wednesday 27 August** at 7.30pm in Room 1.

Lunch/Discussion Group This is for ladies in our congregation who live alone, and the next monthly get together will take place on **Friday 29 August** at 12.30pm at the Redcliffe Hotel. Please telephone Catherine on 01463 235961, Betty on 01463 238384 or Eleanor on 01463 237293 by **Wednesday 27 August** if you are unable to attend.

Bible Study and Prayer Group We meet in Room 2 on the last Sunday of the month i.e. **31st August** at 5pm when we will complete our studies of the twelve Disciples chosen by Jesus, but three little mentioned in Scripture. Our study is in Luke Ch 18 vs 18--30. All are welcome

GENERAL NOTICES

Finding God Among Us by Acorn - **Monday 25 August**, 7.30-9.00pm, Inshes East Church, Inshes retail park, IV2 3TW. Coffees from 7.15. An evening of deep encouragement and interactive sharing. Come and hear stories of what God might be doing here and now and, only if you like, maybe share one of your own. For further information, contact Paul Haringman, paulharingman.mission@gmail.com or 07837903277.

Going Forward – Highland Theological College Summer Conference A conference about the Church and the future will take place in Highland Theological College, High Street, Dingwall, on **Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th August**. Registration via Eventbrite through the HTC website (www.htc.uhi.ac.uk), or contact HTC directly (01349 780000). £40 per person.

Let the Organ Thunder! Free weekly organ concerts will take place in **Inverness Cathedral** from **1.15 - 2.00pm every Friday** until **29 August**.

Revive '25 Youth Festival – for those in s1 to s6 at King's Inverness, Smithton, on Saturday 30 August from 4.00-9.30pm. See [www.https://kingsinverness.com](https://kingsinverness.com) for details.

Thrive '25 – Inverness Conference - to learn, connect and thrive as a Christian in your workplace. **Tuesday 16 September**, 6.30-9.30pm at King's Inverness, Smithton, £15. See Eventbrite for details and booking.

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